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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Sumihito Morita et al. )  
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Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
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Filing Date: Herewith )  
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For: Thin Film Magnetic Head Having Partial )  
Insulating Layer Formed on Bottom Pole )  
Layer Through Gap Layer and Method of )  
Manufacturing the Same )

Our File No. 9281-4709  
Client No. N US03516

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend  
the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.